

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, claims 1-38 were rejected. The Examiner restricted the invention into 2 classes: (1) Claims 1-23 and 36-38; and (2) Claims 24-35. Applicant respectfully elects class (1) that includes Claims 1-23 and 36-38.

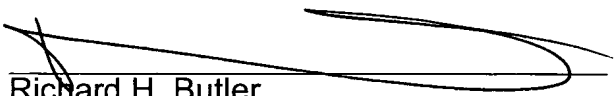
The Examiner further identifies several species within Claims 1-23 and 36-38. Applicant respectfully elects the species containing Claims 4-9 in the event that no generic claim is finally held allowable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard H. Butler at (408) 223-9763.

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